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Sunday, June 20, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

◊ Holy Pentecost

◊ Methodios the Martyr, Bishop
of Olympus

Goings up, and advances and progress from glory to glory, the Light of the Trinity might shine upon the more illuminated. For this reason it was, I think, that He gradually came to dwell in the Disciples, measuring Himself out to them according to their capacity to receive Him, at the beginning of the Gospel, after the Passion, after the Ascension, making perfect their powers, being breathed upon them, and appearing in fiery tongues...You see lights breaking upon us, gradually; and the order of Theology, which it is better for us to keep, neither proclaiming things too suddenly, nor yet keeping them hidden to the end...He said that all things should be taught us by the Spirit when He should come to dwell amongst us. Of these things one, I take it, was the Deity of the Spirit Himself, made clear later on when such knowledge should be seasonable and capable of being received after our Saviour's restoration, when it would no longer be received with incredulity because of its marvellous character. For what greater thing than this did either He promise, or the Spirit teach. If indeed anything is to be considered great and worthy of the Majesty of God, which was either promised or taught...Look at these facts:-- Christ is born; the Spirit is His Forerunner. He is baptized; the Spirit bears witness. He is tempted; the Spirit leads Him up. He works miracles; the Spirit accompanies them. He ascends; the Spirit takes His place.

St. Gregory the Theologian

5th Theological Oration

Narthex Duty:

Pat Cole & Anthony Rouches

Welcoming Ministry:

Melita Green

Orthros Reader:

Steve Cole

Coffee Hour:

Philoptochos

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.

Variables/Μεταβλητά Στοιχεία

PENTECOST

The First Antiphon

2nd Tone Psalm 18. 1-2,3,4

Verse 1: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 2: Day unto day pours forth speech, and night unto night proclaims knowledge.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 3: There are neither tongues nor words in which their voices are not heard.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

The Second Antiphon

2nd Tone Psalm 19. 1-2,3,4

Verse 1: The Lord hear you in the day of affliction; the Name of the God of Jacob defend you.

Save us, O Good Comforter, to You we sing. Alleluia.

Verse 2: Let Him send forth unto you help from His sanctuary, and out of Zion let Him help you.

Save us, O Good Comforter, to You we sing. Alleluia.

Verse 3: Let Him remember every sacrifice of yours, and your whole-burnt offering let Him fatten.

Save us, O Good Comforter, to You we sing. Alleluia.

The Third Antiphon

4th Tone Psalm 20.1-2

O Lord, in Your strength the king shall be glad, and in Your salvation shall he rejoice

Apolytikion of Pentecost Plagal of the 4th Tone

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, Who has revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You have fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗ

Αντίφωνον Α'

Τόχος β' Ψαλμός 18. 1-2,3,4

Στίχος α'. Οι ούρανοι διηγοῦνται δόξαν Θεού, ποίησιν δὲ χειρῶν αὐτοῦ ἀναγγέλλει τὸ στερέωμα.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ, σῶσσὸν ἡμᾶς.

Στίχος β'. Ήμέρα τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐρεύγεται φῆμα καὶ νῦν νυκτὶ ἀναγγέλλει γνῶσιν.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ, σῶσσὸν ἡμᾶς.

Στίχος γ'. Όνκ εἰσὶ λαλισὶ οὐδὲ λόγοι ὡν οὐχὶ ἀκούονται αἱ φωναὶ αὐτῶν.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ, σῶσσὸν ἡμᾶς.

Αντίφωνον Β'

Τόχος β' αὐτὸς Ψαλμός 19. 1-2,3,4

Στίχος α'. Επακούσαι σου Κύριος ἐν ἡμέρᾳ θλίψεως, ὑπερασπίσαι σου τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Θεοῦ Τακώβ.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Παράκλιτε ἀγαθέ, ψάλλοντάς σοι Αλληλούια.

Στίχος β'. Εξαποστεῖλαι σοι βοήθειαν ἐξ ἀγίου, καὶ ἐκ Σιών ἀντιλάβοιτό σου.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Παράκλιτε ἀγαθέ, ψάλλοντάς σοι Αλληλούια.

Στίχος γ'. Μνησθεὶν πάσης θυσίας σου, καὶ τὸ ὄλοκαύτωμά σου πιανάτω.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Παράκλιτε ἀγαθέ, ψάλλοντάς σοι Αλληλούια.

Αντίφωνον Γ'

Τόχος πλ. δ' Ψαλμός 20. 1-2

Κύριε, ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου εὐφρανθήσεται ὁ Βασιλεὺς, καὶ ἐπὶ τῷ σωτηρίῳ σου ἀγαλλιάσεται σφόδρα.

Απολυτίκιον

Αὐτόμελον Τόχος πλ. δ'

Εὐλογητός εί, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδεῖξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἄγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι. Μαθητάς καὶ Αποστόλους...

Variables/Μεταβλητά Στοιχεία

The Eisodikon

Be You exalted, O Lord, in Your strength; we shall praise and sing of Your mighty acts. Save us, O Good Comforter, to You we sing. Alleluia.

Kontakion

Plagal of the 4th Tone

When he came down and confused all languages (at the Tower of Babel), the Most High split the world into nations; when the tongues of fire to them He distributed, He called the world into unity; reasons then we glorify, the All-holy Spirit.

Instead of the Trisagion

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia

At the Especially

Instead of It is truly... or In you O Full of Grace ...
Grave Tone

Conceiving without knowing corruption, lending your flesh to the Word, the Deviser of all, Mother knowing no man; Virgin Mother of God, Vessel of the uncontrollable, Space for your infinite Maker, we magnify you!

Megalynarion

Upon His disciples in upper room// gathered, God the Christ// sent His Spirit to cover them// so that they may// full of divine wisdom// disseminate the Gospel// to all expecting peoples.

The Communion Hymn

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! Alleluia.

Instead of We have seen the light ...

Plagal of the 4th Tone

Blessed are You, O Christ our God...

The Dismissal

...Who poured out the grace of the All-holy Spirit from Heaven upon His holy disciples and apostles in the form of fiery tongues for our salvation...

Eisodikon

Υψώθητι, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, ἃσωμεν καὶ ψαλοῦμεν τὰς δυναστείας σου. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Παράκλητε ἀγαθέ, ψάλλοντάς σου Ἀλληλούια.

Kontakion

Ὕχος πλ. δ'

Τοτε καταβὰς τὰς γλώσσας συνέχεε, διεμέριζεν ἔθνη ὁ "Ὕψιστος" ὅτε τοῦ πυρὸς τὰς γλώσσας διένειμεν, εἰς ἐνότητα πάντας ἐκάλεσε, καὶ συμφώνως δοξάζομεν τὸ πανάγιον Πνεῦμα.

Antí toū Trisagíou

Οσοι εις Χριστόν εβαπτίσθητε, Χριστόν ενεδύσασθε. Ἀλληλούια.

Eis to Eξaprétoς

Ἄντι Ἄξιον ἔστι... ἡ Ἐπί σοι χαίρετ... Ὕχος βαρύς

Μη της φθοράς δια πείραν κυοφορήσασα, Τας κακωθείσας ψυχάς ημών τας αμαρτίας. Μη της φθοράς δια πείραν κυοφορήσασα, Τας κακωθείσας ψυχάς ημών τας αμαρτίας. Μη της φθοράς δια πείραν κυοφορήσασα, Τας κακωθείσας ψυχάς ημών τας αμαρτίας

Megalynaria

Εἰς τὸ ὑπερφόν τοῖς Μαθηταῖς, ἐν πυρίναις γλώσσαις, ἔξαπέστειλεν ὁ Θεός, τὸ θεῖον Αὐτοῦ Πνεῦμα, ὅπως αὐτοὺς σοφίσῃ, τοῖς ἔθνεσι κηρύξαι τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον.

Kontovnikón

Τὸ Πνεῦμά σου τὸ ἀγαθὸν ὁδηγήσει μὲν ἐν γῇ εὐθείᾳ. Ἀλληλούια.

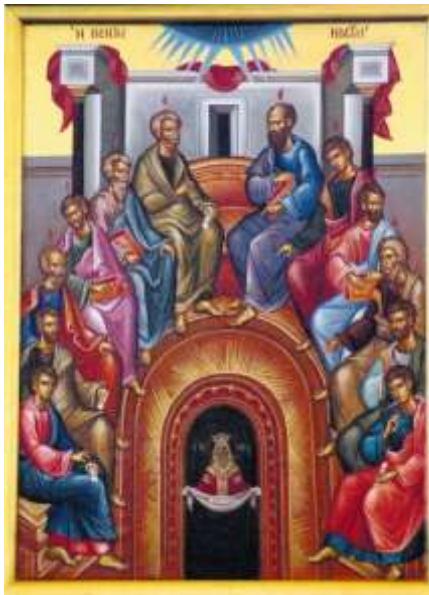
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Ὕχος πλ. δ'

Εύλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ήμῶν...

Apólytis

...Ο ἐν εἶδει πυρίνων γλωσσῶν οὐρανόθεν καταπέμψας τὸ πανάγιον Πνεῦμα ἐπὶ τοὺς ἄγιους αὐτοῦ Μαθητὰς καὶ Ἀποστόλους...



Sunday of Holy Pentecost

After the Saviour's Ascension into the Heavens, the eleven Apostles and the rest of His disciples, the God-loving women who followed after Him from the beginning, His Mother, the most holy Virgin Mary, and His brethren-all together about 120 souls returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. Entering into the house where they gathered, they went into the upper room, and there they persevered in prayer and supplication, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, as their Divine Teacher had promised them. In the meanwhile, they chose Matthias, who was elected to take the place of Judas among the Apostles.

Thus, on this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, the tenth day after the Ascension and the fiftieth day after Pascha, at the third hour of the day from the rising of the sun, there suddenly came a sound from Heaven, as when a mighty wind blows, and it filled the whole

house where the Apostles and the rest with them were gathered. Immediately after the sound, there appeared tongues of fire that divided and rested upon the head of each one. Filled with the Spirit, all those present began speaking not in their native tongue, but in other tongues and dialects, as the Holy Spirit instructed them.

The multitudes that had come together from various places for the feast, most of whom were Jews by race and religion, were called Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and so forth, according to the places where they dwelt. Though they spoke many different tongues, they were present in Jerusalem by divine dispensation. When they heard that sound that came down from Heaven to the place where the disciples of Christ were gathered, all ran together to learn what had taken place. But they were confounded when they came and heard the Apostles speaking in their own tongues. Marvelling at this, they said one to another, "Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" But others, because of their foolishness and excess of evil, mocked the wonder and said that the Apostles were drunken.

Then Peter stood up with the eleven, and raising his voice, spoke to all the people, proving that that which had taken place was not drunkenness, but the fulfilment of God's promise that had been spoken by the Prophet Joel: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that I shall pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy" (Joel 2:28), and he preached Jesus of Nazareth unto them, proving in many ways that He is Christ the Lord, Whom the Jews crucified but God raised from the dead. On hearing Peter's teaching, many were smitten with compunction and received the word. Thus, they were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added to the Faith of Christ.

Such, therefore, are the reasons for today's feast: the coming of the All-holy Spirit into the world, the completion of the Lord Jesus Christ's promise, and the fulfilment of the hope of the sacred disciples, which we celebrate today. This is the final feast of the great mystery and dispensation of God's incarnation. On this last, and great, and saving day of Pentecost, the Apostles of the Saviour, who were unlearned fishermen, made wise now of a sudden by the Holy Spirit, clearly and with divine authority spoke the heavenly doctrines. They became heralds of the truth and teachers of the whole world. On this day they were ordained and began their apostleship, of which the salvation of those three thousand souls in one day was the comely and marvellous first fruit.

Some erroneously hold that Pentecost is the "birthday of the Church." But this is not true, for the teaching of the holy Fathers is that the Church existed before all other things. In the second vision of The Shepherd of Hermas we read: "Now brethren, a revelation was made unto me in my sleep

by a youth of exceeding fair form, who said to me, 'Whom thinkest thou the aged woman, from whom thou receivedst the book, to be?' I say, 'The Sibyl.' 'Thou art wrong,' saith he, 'she is not.' 'Who then is she?' I say. 'The Church,' saith he. I said unto him, 'Wherefore then is she aged?' 'Because,' saith he, 'she was created before all things; therefore is she aged, and for her sake the world was framed.'" Saint Gregory the Theologian also speaks of "the Church of Christ ... both before Christ and after Christ" (PG 35:1108-9). Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus writes, "The Catholic Church, which exists from the ages, is revealed most clearly in the incarnate advent of Christ" (PG 42:640). Saint John Damascene observes, "The Holy Catholic Church of God, therefore, is the assembly of the holy Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, and Martyrs who have been from the very beginning, to whom were added all the nations who believed with one accord" (PG 96, 1357c). According to Saint Gregory the Theologian, "The Prophets established the Church, the Apostles conjoined it, and the Evangelists set it in order" (PG 35, 589 A). The Church existed from the creation of the Angels, for the Angels came into existence before the creation of the world, and they have always been members of the Church. Saint Clement, Bishop of Rome, says in his second epistle to the Corinthians, the Church "was created before the sun and moon"; and a little further on, "The Church existeth not now for the first time, but hath been from the beginning" (II Cor. 14).

That which came to pass at Pentecost, then, was the ordination of the Apostles, the commencement of the apostolic preaching to the nations, and the inauguration of the priesthood of the new Israel. Saint Cyril of Alexandria says that "Our Lord Jesus Christ herein ordained the instructors and teachers of the world and the stewards of His divine Mysteries ... showing together with the dignity of Apostleship, the incomparable glory of the authority given them ... Revealing them to be splendid with the great dignity of the Apostleship and showing them forth as both stewards and priests of the divine altars ... they became fit to initiate others through the enlightening guidance of the Holy Spirit" (PG 74, 708-712). Saint Gregory Palamas says, "Now, therefore ... the Holy Spirit descended ... showing the Disciples to be supernal luminaries ... and the distributed grace of the Divine Spirit came through the ordination of the Apostles upon their successors" (Homily 24, 10). And Saint Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, writes, "After the visitation of the Comforter, the Apostles became high priests" (PG 87, 3981B). Therefore, together with the baptism of the Holy Spirit which came upon them who were present in the upper chamber, which the Lord had foretold as recorded in the Acts, "ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence" (Acts 1:5), the Apostles were also appointed and raised to the high priestly rank, according to Saint John Chrysostom (PG 60, 21). On this day commenced the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by which we become "partakers of the Divine Nature" (II Peter 1:4). For before Pentecost, it is said of the Apostles and disciples only that they abode in "prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14); it is only after the coming of the Holy Spirit that they persevered in the "breaking of bread," that is, the communion of the Holy Mysteries - "and in prayer" (Acts 2:42). The feast of holy Pentecost, therefore, determined the beginning of the priesthood of grace, not the beginning of the Church. Henceforth, the Apostles proclaimed the good tidings "in country and town," preaching and baptizing and appointing shepherds, imparting the priesthood to them whom they judged were worthy to minister, as Saint Clement writes in his first Epistle to the Corinthians (I Cor. 42).

All foods allowed during the week following Pentecost.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11.

WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia,

τὸ Ανάγνωσμα Πράξεις Αποστόλων 2: 1-11.

Ἐν τῷ συμπροῦσθαι τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς, ἦσαν?? παντεςΝ ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτό. Καὶ ἐγένετο ἄφνω ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἥχος?? σπερ φερομένης πνοῆς βιαίας, καὶ ἐπλήρωσεν ὅλον τὸν οἶκον οὐ ἦσαν καθήμενοι. Καὶ ὥφθησαν αὐτοῖς διαμεριζόμεναι γλῶσσαι ὥσει πυρός, ἐκάθισέν τε ἐφ' ἔνα ἔκαστον αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν?? παντες πνεύματος ἀγίου, καὶ ἥρξαντο λαλεῖν ἑτέραις γλώσσαις, καθὼς τὸ πνεῦμα ἐδίδου αὐτοῖς ἀποφθέγγεσθαι. Ἡσαν δὲ ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ κατοικοῦντες Ἰουδαῖοι, ἄνδρες εὐλαβεῖς, ἀπὸ παντὸς ἔθνους τῶν ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν. Γενομένης δὲ τῆς φωνῆς ταύτης, συνῆλθεν τὸ πλῆθος καὶ συνεχύθη, ὅτι ἥκουν εἰς ἔκαστος τῇ ιδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ λαζουντων αὐτῶν. Ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες καὶ ἐθαύμαζον, λέγοντες πρὸς ἀλλήλους, Οὐκ ίδοὺ πάντες οὐτοί εἰσιν οἱ λαλοῦντες Γαλιλαῖοι; Καὶ πῶς ἡμεῖς ἀκούομεν ἔκαστος τῇ ιδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ ἡμῶν ἐν ἥ ἐγεννήθημεν; Πάρθοι καὶ Μῆδοι καὶ Ἐλαμῖται,



ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Gospel According to John 7: 37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.' " Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 7: 37-52; 8:12 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν δὲ τῇ ἐσχάτῃ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ μεγάλῃ τῆς ἑορτῆς εἰστήκει ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔκραξε λέγων· ἐάν τις διψᾷ, ἐρχέσθω πρός με καὶ πινέτω. ὁ πιστεύων εἰς ἐμέ, καθὼς εἶπεν ἡ γραφή, ποταμοὶ ἐκ τῆς κοιλίας αὐτοῦ ῥέουσαντις ὕδατος ζῶντος. τοῦτο δὲ εἶπε περὶ τοῦ Πνεύματος οὐ ἔμελλον λαμβάνειν οἱ πιστεύοντες εἰς αὐτόν· οὕπω γάρ ἦν Πνεῦμα Ἀγιον, ὅτι Ἰησοῦς οὐδέποτε ἐδοξάσθη. Πολλοὶ οὖν ἐκ τοῦ ὄχλου ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον ἔλεγον· οὗτός ἐστιν ἀληθῶς ὁ προφήτης· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ Χριστός· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· μὴ γάρ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; οὐχὶ ἡ γραφὴ εἶπεν ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ σπέρματος Δαυΐδ καὶ ἀπὸ Βηθλεὲμ τῆς κώμης, ὅπου ἦν Δαυΐδ, ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; σχίσμα οὖν ἐν τῷ ὄχλῳ ἐγένετο δι' αὐτόν. τινὲς δὲ ἡθελον ἐξ αὐτῶν πιάσαι αὐτόν, ἀλλ' οὐδεὶς ἐπέβαλεν ἐπ' αὐτὸν τὰς χεῖρας. Ἡλθον οὖν οἱ υπηρέται πρὸς τοὺς ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ Φαρισαίους, καὶ εἶπον αὐτοῖς ἐκεῖνοι· διατί οὐκ ἡγάγετε αὐτόν; ἀπεκρίθησαν οἱ υπηρέται· οὐδέποτε οὗτος ἐλάλησεν ἄνθρωπος, ὃς οὗτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος. ἀπεκρίθησαν οὖν αὐτοῖς οἱ Φαρισαῖοι· μὴ καὶ ὑμεῖς πεπλάνησθε; μὴ τις ἐκ τῶν ἀρχόντων ἐπίστευσεν εἰς αὐτὸν ἡ ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων; ἀλλ' ὁ ὄχλος οὗτος ὁ μὴ γινώσκων τὸν νόμον ἐπικατάρατοί εἰσι! λέγει Νικόδημος πρὸς αὐτούς, ὁ ἐλθὼν νυκτὸς πρὸς αὐτόν, εἰς ὃν ἐξ αὐτῶν· μὴ ὁ νόμος ἡμῶν κρίνει τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἐὰν μὴ ἀκούσῃ παρ' αὐτοῦ πρότερον καὶ γνῷ τί ποιεῖ; ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ· μὴ καὶ σὺ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶ; ἐρεύνησον καὶ ἴδε ὅτι προφήτης ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας οὐκ ἐγήγερται. Πάλιν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐλάλησε λέγων· ἐγώ εἰμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου· ὁ ἀκολουθῶν ἐμοὶ οὐ μὴ περιπατήσῃ ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ, ἀλλ' ἔξει τὸ φῶς τῆς ζωῆς.



HAPPY
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June

June 24: The Nativity of the Forerunner

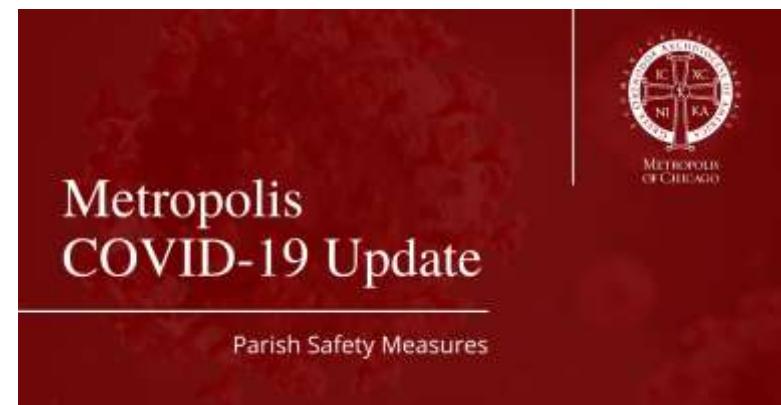
Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are
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Latest St. Basil Covid-19 Guidelines (June 20, 2021)

In keeping with the updated [Metropolis Guidelines](#), along with current State and City requirements, St. Basil is adopting the following protocols for our Parishioners.

Liturgical Guidelines

- Parishioners will enter through main doors of the Church beginning June 13
- If you are vaccinated, you are no longer required to wear a mask or socially distance.
- If you are unvaccinated, we ask you to continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing.
- For those who wish to continue observing social distance and for those who are not vaccinated, we ask that you sit on the **South side of the Church.**
- Coffee Hour: Similar to the nave of the Church, the Hall will be split in half to accommodate all of our parishioners. The North side of the Hall will be for those who are vaccinated and wish to forgo social distancing and the South side of the Hall will be for those wishing to continue social distancing, and for those who are not vaccinated.
- When the St. Basil Choir resumes , please be aware that in order to sing in the choir, you must be vaccinated.



SAVE THE DATE

AUG. 18, 2021

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Golf Outing



Odyssey Country Club
19110 S Ridgeland Ave.
Tinley Park, IL

\$135 Includes:

18 Holes of Golf
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Open Bar

\$60 Includes:

Dinner
Open Bar

FOR MORE INFO

CALL
(312) 243-3738



A promotional poster for the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos Society's Virtual Cooking Series. It features a central logo with a priest's silhouette wearing an apron and holding cooking utensils, with the text "MEN IN BLACK PRIESTS WHO COOK". The poster is surrounded by various fresh vegetables like carrots, tomatoes, and broccoli. At the top, it says "PHILOPTOCHOS GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY presents VIRTUAL COOKING SERIES". Below the logo, it says "Don't miss the fun! Our Metropolis priests cook their favorite recipes!" and "Launch Date JUNE 20, 2021". At the bottom, it says "ALL PROCEEDS to benefit the Metropolis Philoptochos Philanthropy Fund". It also includes a "Series Cost \$40" note, a "More information to follow at: https://chicagophilo.org" link, a YouTube logo, and a "For questions contact: Wanita Loupeakos 331-333-2329" note.

Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

- **Sunday, June 20 , 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Holy Pentecost**

- Tuesday , June 22, 10:00am - Bible Study

-Thursday , June 24, 6:30am - Early Morning Divine Liturgy for The Nativity of the Forerunner

- **Sunday, June 27 , 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Sunday of All Saints**

- Monday , June 28, 7:00pm - Great Vespers for SS. Peter & Paul (At Glenview, IL)

- Tuesday , June 29, 8:30 am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Ss. Peter and Paul (Glenview, IL)

- Tuesday , June 29, 7:00pm - Great Vespers for Holy Apostles (At Westchester, IL)

• Wednesday, June 30, 7:00pm - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Holy Apostles (At Westchester, IL)

- **Sunday, July 4 , 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 2nd Sunday of Matthew**

- Tuesday, July 6, 10:00am - Bible Study

- Wednesday , July 7, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

- Wednesday , July 7, 6:30pm - Online A.R.E. Class

- **Sunday, July 11 , 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 3rd Sunday of Matthew**

-Monday, July 12, 6:30am - Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Paisios of Mt. Athos

-Monday, July 12, 7:00pm - Parish Council Meeting

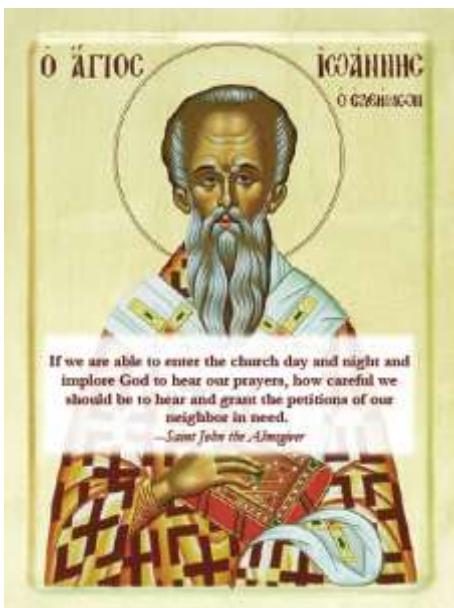
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Parish News and Events

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We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church June 2021

Coffee Hour **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



"My cup overflows with your blessings."

PSALM 23:5

Do you want to celebrate a loved one?

- ◊ Birthday
- ◊ Nameday
- ◊ Anniversary
- ◊ Memorial

Offer a Coffee Hour at St. Basil!

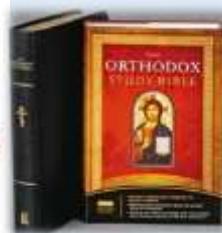
Click the Link to volunteer!



ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



St. Basil
Greek Orthodox Church
of Chicago, Illinois



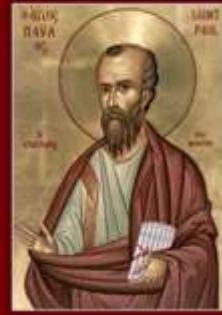
When: Tuesday Mornings –
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Where: ONLINE VIA



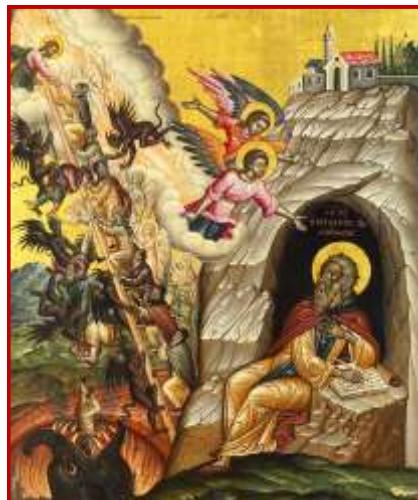
Participate in a Zoom Meeting Watch on Facebook Live and ask
questions in the comments

Bible Study with Fr. Dimitri



St. Paul's
2nd Letter
to the
Corinthians

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church



Online
Adult Religious Education
**The Ladder of
Divine Ascent**

Acquire the Heavenly Virtues and love God more fully

Join us online each week
Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Classroom

<https://zoom.us/j/97901297537>

Meeting ID: 979 0129 7537

Read the Text Online by [Clicking this Link](#)

Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment

For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.

I was a stranger, and you took me in:

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: (Send the names of those you wish prayed for

I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for: Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses

\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil

141 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged

\$192,159.00

Dollar Amount Collected

\$108,463.00

Average Pledge

\$1362.82

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil
100 out of 141 (70.92%)



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



Download the APP **DIGITAL CHANT STAND** by AGES Initiatives

To follow along during Orthros, Liturgy, Vespers, and Holy Week Services right on your smart device



HOLY APOSTLES FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO CELEBRATE
**THE FEAST OF THE SYNAXIS OF
THE HOLY APOSTLES**

**GREAT VESPERS
WITH ARTOKLASIA**

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021

7:00PM

Guest Homilist: Nathan Hoppe
Long-term Missionary in Albania

Reception Immediately Following

**DIVINE LITURGY
WITH ARTOKLASIA**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021

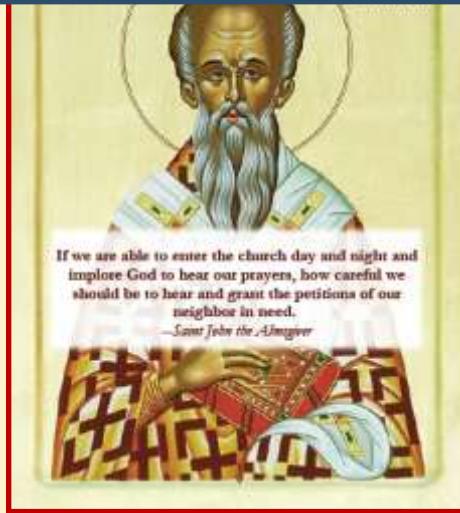
8:00AM Orthros
9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Reception Immediately Following



2501 South Wolf Road, Westchester, IL. 60154

Parish Outreach



St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

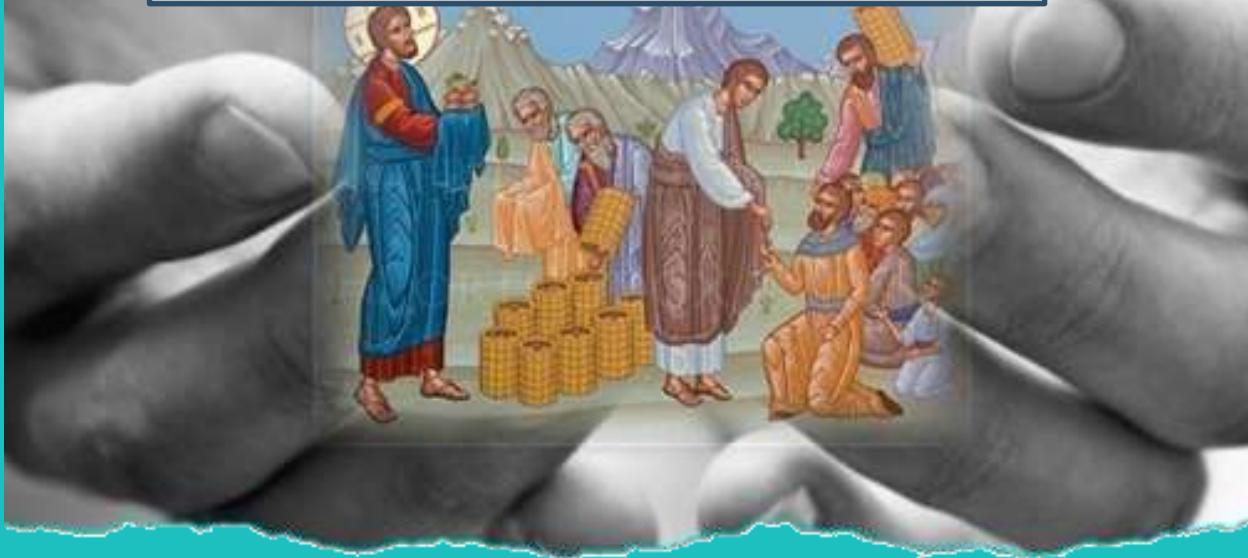
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1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.

- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.

Metropolis Outreach



CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats

DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.
- Canned Vegetables – 2 cans
- Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans

Peanut Butter – 16 oz.

Fruit Jam – 18 oz.

Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.

Cooking Oil – 24 oz.

Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack

Canned Soup/Chili – optional

Powdered Milk - optional



**Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil
Greek Orthodox Church
on Sundays 9am –12pm.**

This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project



Inspired by the impact of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund established during the pandemic, the Metropolis of Chicago announced today the establishment of a new parish advancement initiative – **the Mustard Seed Fund** – to help drive parish growth through evangelism, welcoming, and outreach.

The Mustard Seed Fund seeks to replicate the successful model of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund, which raised more than \$250,000 for financial assistance to parishes facing economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

To support its objectives and development, the Metropolis of Chicago will seed the new fund with an initial distribution of \$25,000 and will launch and sustain a grassroots fundraising campaign to raise additional donations.

[Learn More](#)

[Donate Now](#)

Grow the faith with the #MetropolisMustardSeed